Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know whether any statistics have been called for by the Department?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Yes, as far as possible.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: With reference to part (d) of the answer, if all the conditions that have been prescribed by the Department are satisfied what will be the approximate period within which the productivity of the soil can be increased to its maximum?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: It may be attained even during a season.

Mr. K. R. Elenkath: May I know whether the experiments done by the Department through their experimental farms go to assure Government that if the ryots follow the methods adopted by the Department they can have the cultivation at a profit or at a loss?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: The ryots will certainly derive profit by following the methods adopted by the Government.

Mr. K. R. Elenkath: May I know whether the cultivators have taken advantage of the experiments in the Demonstration farms?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Yes.

Mr. K. R. Elenkath: May I know the extent to which the productive capacity of an acre of land has increased as a result of following the experiments?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: The relevant statistics are not available, Sir.

Conductors appointed in the Transport Department.

89. ***Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of graduate conductors appointed in the State Transport Department;

(*b*) the number of non-graduates so appointed;

(*c*) the number of Muslims who have applied for the post of conductors; and

(*d*) th number of Muslims appointed?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: (*a*) 95.

(*b*) 10.

(*c*) and (*d*) The Transport Department is conducted on a commercial basis without advertence to the rules in respect of recruitments to the public service and the question of appointments according to communities does not therefore arise.

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Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail : With regard to parts (*c*) and (*d*) I merely asked the number of applicants and the number appointed but the answer is an explanation of the principle in making the appointments in the department. I wish to know from the honourable member the number of Muslims who have applied for the post.

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : That information is not available. As I have already stated in the answer, the recruitment was made by the Transport Superintendent with due regard to efficiency and past experience.

Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail : I admit, Sir, that it is an explanation of the principle. But what about the number of Muslims who applied for appointment in the Transport Department ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : As I said already that information is not available with Government.

Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail : May I know whether any particular community is debarred from serving in the Commercial Department ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : There is no such prohibition, Sir.

Grants to physicians treating cases of snake-bites.

90. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of deaths due to snake-bites in the taluks of (*i*) Kunnatnad and (*ii*) Muvattupuzha in each of the years 1110, 1111 and 1112 ;

(*b*) the number of physicians who can treat cases of snake-bites in the taluks of (*i*) Muvattupuzha and (*ii*) Kunnatnad ;

(*c*) whether Government give any grant-in-aid to any physician who is an expert in snake-bites in the taluks of (*i*) Kunnatnad and (*ii*) Muvattupuzha ; and

(*d*) if so, the number of such physicians ?

Mr. R. Krishnaswami Rao : (*a*) and (*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this does not arise.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know whether it is the Government's view that it is unnecessary to give statistics relating to deaths due to snake bites ?

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